

## Plate XI.

Fig. 1.—Section through the head and peristomium of *Polynoë ochthæbolepis*. *a*, cerebral ganglion; *b*, posterior eye; *c, g*, peristomial tentacles; *d*, bases of lateral præstomial tentacles; *e*, peristomial aciculum; *f*, parapodium of first segment; *h*, aperture of mouth.

Fig. 2.—Section of intestine of the same.

„ 3.—Ventral seta of the same,  $\times 400$ .

„ 4.—Head and anterior portion of the body of *Thalenessa microceras*, from above,  $\times 22$ .

„ 5.—The same, from below.

„ 6.—Ventral seta of the same.

„ 7.—Outline of elytron of the same, magnified.

„ 8.—Appendage from the border of the same,  $\times 200$ .

## CORRIGENDA.

The correct title of the paper by Dr. Williams, quoted on p. 257, is “Researches on the Structure and Homology of the Reproductive Organs of the Annelids.”

Page 251, lines 10 and 11, the word “another” should come in after “affords.”

## DESCRIPTION OF TWO NEW BIRDS FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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## PHLOGÆNAS SALAMONIS.

Total length 11 inches; wing 6·5 inches; tail 4; tarsus 1·3; bill from the forehead 1, from the nostril 0·5, from the angle of the mouth 1·1 inch. Bill brown, legs and feet carmine. The bill is strong and much curved at the tip; the tail rounded, of twelve feathers. General colour reddish chocolate-brown above, slightly tinted with rich metallic violet-purple, which becomes very bright on the wing-coverts, and interscapular region; the primaries and secondaries, and the inner webs of the tail-feathers and their under surfaces, dull dark brown; head chocolate colour

without metallic reflections, the sides of the face lighter, the throat of a paler tint; the chest, breast, and foreneck cinnamon-brown, lightest towards the abdomen, a few feathers on the sides of the chest tinted with the same rich metallic hue as the mantle and wing-coverts; the remainder of the under surface dark, dull, reddish chocolate-brown, deeper in tint and inclining to rufous on the under tail-coverts. The feathers of the breast being of a light cinnamon tint contrast greatly with the dark chocolate-red of the remainder of the under surface.

This specimen is said to be a male, and was obtained by Mr. John Stephen in April last, (1882) on San Christoval, one of the Solomon Group. It is probably the species referred to by Canon Tristram under the name of *Phlogænas Johannæ*, of Sclater, which it certainly is not.

DICRURUS (*Chibia*) LONGIROSTRIS, *sp. n.*

All the body black with a steel-bluish tint in certain lights; the wings and tail black above, black with a brownish tint in certain lights below, having the outer webs of the feathers above margined with glossy steel-green; the scapulars and all the upper wing and tail-coverts glossy metallic-green, some of the feathers of the rump and flanks tinged with the same; feathers of the head scale-like, black, conspicuously tipped with metallic-green gloss, those of the neck above and below lanceolate in form, tipped with the same tint, those of the breast with a rounded spot of the same colour at the tip, and with narrow wavy cross lines when seen obliquely. There is no metallic gloss on the ear-coverts or chin, velvet-like plumes cover the nostrils, the rictæ are very short, weak and in some specimens obsolete; the tail is even, the outermost feathers scarcely longer than the rest, but have their tips curved outwards and upwards; of the under wing-coverts, those on the shoulders below, are glossed with green, the remainder black, a few only having a whitish spot at the tip; the plumes of the flanks silky and rather long; the under tail-

coverts black, glossed with green. In some specimens apparently immature the under tail and wing-coverts are tipped with fulvous. "Iris dark red-brown" (*J. Stephens*); legs feet and bill black. The bill is strong and laterally compressed, about one-third longer than the head.

*Measurements.*

Length about	..	..	..	12 inch.	12 inch.	12 inch.
Wing	..	..	..	5·7	5·7	5·75
Tail	..	..	..	5·3	5·5	5·3
Tarsus	..	..	..	1·15	1·1	1·2
Bill from forehead..	..	..	..	1·85	1·7	1·83
Bill from nostril	..	..	..	1·3	1·15	1·25
Bill from gape	..	..	..	1·8	1·6	1·75
Bill, height at nostril	..	..	..	0·5	0·5	0·52
Bill, width below nostril	..	..	..	0·3	0·3	0·3
Sex	..	..	..	♂	♀	♀

*Hab.* San Christoval.

Several specimens of both sexes obtained at "Wano" San Christoval in April last (1882).

This species comes near *D. læmostictus*, but differs from all other species in the length and laterally compressed form of bill.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *CORIS* FROM LORD HOWES' ISLAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

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*CORIS SEMICINCTA.*

D. 9—12. A. 3—12. L. lat. 80. L. transv. about 4·5.

General form elongated and laterally compressed; the length of the snout is more than twice the long diameter of the eye, which is six times in the length of the head; the head is four times in the length of the body without the caudal. The height